

Minutes

New Harmony Bicentennial Commission

June 19, 2012

6:00 p.m. Thrall's Opera House

Present:

Co-Chairperson	Ray McConnell
Co-Chairperson	Connie Weinzapfel
Community Member	David Flanders
Community Member	Jerry Ralph Wade
New Harmony Music Festival & School	Chris Layer
New Harmony Town Board President	David Campbell
Art Galleries of New Harmony	Maggie Rapp
Charles Ford Home	Vicki Campbell
Gallery of Contemporary Art	Curt Ubelhor (interim director)
Garden Club of New Harmony	Paul Allison
Friends of WMI	Jeanne Maudlin
Historic New Harmony	Christine Crews
New Harmony Artist's Guild	Jennifer Blevins
New Harmony Interpreters Assoc.	Becky Smyth
New Harmony Kiwanis	Marcia Lange
New Harmony Planning/Preservation Com.	Mickey Grimm
New Harmony Town Council	Linda Warrum (Alt.)
Parks & Recreation/Tree Board	Johnathan Scott
Public Relations	Karen Walker
Red Geranium Enterprises	Judy Alsop
Ribeyre Gym Restoration Group	Addison Lange
Under the Beams	Liz Mumford
Workingmen's Institute	Nathan Maudlin
Executive Assistant	Jan Kahle

Organizations without a representative attending:

Masonic Lodge	Tom Straw
New Harmony School Corporation/Alumni	Rick Johnson
Posey County Commissioners	Ann Greenfield
New Harmony Business Associates	Lora Arneberg
Harmonie State Park	Jim Gray
University of Southern Indiana	Ed Jones
Tri-Kappa	Rita Reynolds
Blaffer Foundation	Jim Sanders
New Harmony Ministerial Assoc.	Phyllis Westfall

The New Harmony Bicentennial Commission met on June 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Thrall's Opera House. Co-chairperson, Connie Weinzapfel, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the March, 2012, meeting were approved.

Samples of the stationery with the official Bicentennial log were distributed. This includes envelopes, letterhead, note cards and labels. Everyone is welcome to use this stationery but was reminded that all correspondence to media should go through Karen Walker. The stationery is stored at the Bicentennial office in the Neef-Lesueur House. Jan Kahle may be contacted if stationery is needed.

Reports from the various representatives followed:

1. New Harmony Town Council
 - a. Linda Warrum reported there is nothing new to report.
2. Historic New Harmony
 - a. The plan for the new Atheneum exhibits has been completed and will be presented to the Bicentennial Commission at the next meeting. The plan has already been presented to HNH staff.
3. Workingmen's Institute
 - a. Nathan reported that the WMI is considering changing their project from a painting to a sculpture.
4. Friends of the Workingmen's Institute
 - a. June 26 is their annual meeting and their Bicentennial project(s) will be discussed at that time.
 - b. Also discussed was the Fourth of July Celebration in 2014. It was originally thought that Senator Lugar would be invited to speak. Consideration is being given to having someone else speak at the Fourth of July and Senator Lugar speak during the Capstone Week.
5. Blaffer Foundation
 - a. No report
6. USI
 - a. Connie reported that several departments at the University will be involved.
 - i. International Conference
 - ii. Geology Department work with WMI
 - iii. Science Department will encourage the adoption of a state fossil
 - iv. Revive the writers' conference
 - v. Cub Scout event
 - vi. Faculty and students working on Bicentennial House
 - vii. Translation of George Rapp's book for publication
 - viii. Bug exhibit at the Beal house
 - ix. Archeology digs will continue
 - x. Continuing Education project(s)
 - xi. Theater to possible present Golden Troupe plays (would need funding)
7. Red Geranium Enterprises
 - a. Judy reported that they will help wherever needed

8. Art Galleries
 - a. Maggie reported that they are considering a calendar for 2014 with pictures from the Paint Out. This will be a competition and the calendar will be sold locally. It will be available mid 2013. Liz Mumford will collaborate.
9. Music
 - a. Liz Mumford and Rita Reynolds are working on several presentations; a pageant; Alumni choir and band; local musicians and the Under the Beams concerts.
 - b. They are also considering a dance with an instructor on dances from the Owen era.
 - c. Work with Chis Layer from the New Harmony Music School.
 - d. All of these projects will need funding.
10. Kiwanis
 - a. Marcia reported that the Kiwanis will be sponsoring a “Kids Day” during the Capstone Week. This will include games for all ages and a teen dance in the evening. This is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2014.
11. RGRG
 - a. Addison reported that all is on track for the 5K. It will be in town.
12. New Harmony Artists Guild
 - a. Jennifer reported that they will help Liz and Rita in any way.
 - b. Chris Layer reported that the New Harmony Music School will hold events on weekends throughout the year.
13. New Harmony Garden Club
 - a. Paul reported that a lot has happened. He distributed a sketch of the proposed revamped Red Bud Park. The Garden Club has been working with the State of Indiana and Historic New Harmony.
 - b. The new trees will be planted in the fall.
 - c. Benches have been donated.
 - d. Applied for a USI Service learning grant for the pathways. If approved, this will be a student project in 2013.
 - e. Artist Amy Brier will be working with the Garden Club for a central feature, a sculpture, which will be made of Indiana limestone with the Bicentennial logo. The club will need \$10,000-20,000 for this project. They are requesting \$10,000 from the Bicentennial Commission.
14. New Harmony Ministerial Association
 - a. It was reported that the Ministerial Association will coordinate the worship services at the Roofless Church on Sundays, August 3 and 10, 2014.
15. Harmonie Associates
 - a. Will provide financial support for projects
16. NHS Alumni Association
 - a. No report
17. Masonic Lodge
 - a. No report
18. Posey County Commissioners
 - a. No report
19. New Harmony Interpreters Association

- a. Dates for their Maximillian presentation have changed to Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the Atheneum and Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Workingmen's Institute.
20. Harmonie State Park
- a. No report
21. Charles Ford Home
- a. Vicki reported that she had spoken with the director and they will have a plaque with all the names of the current and previous residents and will also hold an Open House.

Other events reported:

Connie and Karen will draft a letter to send to Senator Lugar.

Connie reported that there will be a memorial lecture in memory of Jane Blaffer Owen.

It was reported that Jim Sanders has suggested a quilt show. Connie will get in touch with Donna Creek regarding the possibility of this event.

Connie also reported that there is the possibility of a lecture by a representative of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science.

Connie reported that the Steering Committee had discussed several possible Legacy Projects. They include:

- Red Bud Park
- Bicentennial House
- Atheneum Exhibits
- Musical Composition by Philip Hagemann
- Murphy Park Amphitheater
- Replica of the Boatload of Knowledge
- Welcome Sign at the east end of town
- Reuse of the New Harmony School property

Other suggestions made by Commission members were:

Carousel (Mickey Grimm) – Mick responded that the Steering Committee chose not to pursue this project because of its cost, both initially and in future maintenance.

Planting of 200 trees (Johnathan Scott)

Time Capsule (David Flanders)

It was reported that the Steering Committee will meet monthly through the end of the year.

All requests for funding must be made to the Commission by the November meeting.

Becky reported that the American Legion will have an exhibit relating to Richard Owen.

David Campbell asked about the Smithsonian Exhibit previously discussed. Connie reported that there is no time available for the staff to curate the exhibit.

Ray reminded the attendees that complete plans for the Bicentennial events are due to the New Harmony Town Board by January, 2013.

Maggie Rapp asked about the possibility of have the Bodmer originals on display. Again, Connie stated that the staff has no time to pursue a loan of these materials.

Jerry Wade suggested producing a show at Thrall's Opera House. He also wanted to know if the Legacy Project(s) would be ongoing. He was also concerned that there was no credit to the artist on the Bicentennial Logo.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in Thrall's Opera House.